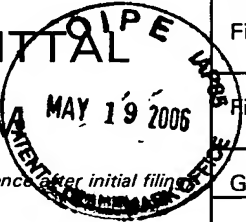


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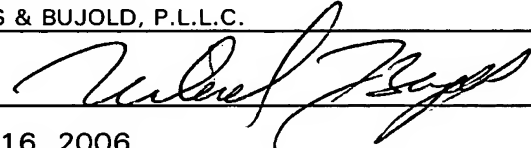
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Most of the enclosed documents refer to an apparatus for cleaning a wood workpiece in strip or plate form and are thus not believed to be particularly relevant to an apparatus for machining a metallic workpiece, as recited according to independent claim 39, for example, of the presently claimed invention.

The documents which refer to machining a metallic workpiece do not include a revolving conveyor device with at least one brush wherein the conveyor device guides the at least one brush at least approximately linearly past the region of the workpiece that is to be machined, obliquely or transversely with respect to a direction of advance of the workpiece, according to independent claim 39.

The enclosed document from "Paul Ernst Maschinenbau GmbH" having the headline "Sonderausführung Reinigen und Entgraten nach dem Schneiden" (Document C1, page 4), shows a rotating roller.

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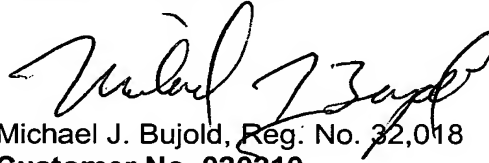
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especially if these brushes can be used for machining a metallic workpiece in the manner described in independent claim 39 of the presently claimed invention, for example.

As mentioned before, the documents showing a revolving conveyor device which is provided with at least one brush wherein the conveyor device guides the at least one brush at least approximately linearly past the region of the workpiece, obliquely or transversely with respect to a direction of advance of the workpiece, refer only to cleaning of the workpieces made of wood and not to machining a metallic workpiece in strip or plate form.

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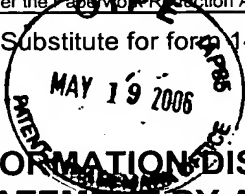
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